

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

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TAYLOR (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....July 26, 2006

Members Present.....Commissioner Greg Chilcott, Commissioner Betty Lund and Commissioner Alan Thompson

Minutes: Sally Fortino and Glenda Wiles

The Board of County Commissioners met for discussion of the Gravel Road Improvement Program. Road Supervisor David Ohnstad was present for the discussion. Skip Rosenthal, Human Resources Supervisor, and Citizen Betsy Kratofil were also present.

David updated the Commissioners on workings within the Road Department. He will award the ACP contract on Monday. Repairs have been completed on Nez Perce Road.

Betsy updated the Commissioners on progress for a bike path commencing on Golf Course Road. Commissioner Lund asked if they had talked to an engineer. Skip said this has been done. The developer of Flat Iron Subdivision seems willing to help with the bike path.

Commissioner Thompson said the CTEP program has some money that might be spent on the project, but matching funds would have to be forthcoming. The County is not allowed to participate financially in the project.

Skip said this is a wonderful opportunity for the area. It might require many partners, but it is feasible.

David said any pathway leading into town or around the area would be a selling point for units within the Flat Iron Subdivision.

Commissioner Thompson said there are two segments to check. Youth will be going to the swimming center, the high school or elementary school. They need to come down to Kurtz and then to Daly, so the path would be helpful for the bike riders and pedestrians.

Betsy said money would not be the problem. It would be more a matter of getting questions answered on how to get started. Discussion continued on possible routes for the bike path.

Commissioner Chilcott called a break from the discussion to consider the adoption of an emergency resolution, #1947. Though a motion was not technically needed (Montana law allows the Chairman to sign it), Commissioner Chilcott wanted the Board to be aware of the signed resolution/declaration. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to adopt Resolution # 1947 which is an emergency declaration for Ravalli County due to the fire season. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.

The Board of County Commissioners returned to the agenda submitted by David. The Commissioners related calls they have received regarding the bad road conditions, especially in the Bear Creek area.

David said the Road Department has adopted levels of service that they believe are reasonable. They have proposed, initiated, and carried out dust abatement when called upon to do so. David outlined the progress made by the Road Department in various areas of the County.

Commissioner Lund made a motion to adopt the Gravel Roads Management Program, submitted by David. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and all voted 'aye.'

A public auction was set for September 19, 2006 at 3pm., for five road and bridge properties: Corvallis Garage, Owings Creek Mine, Camas Creek Mine, Sweathouse Creek Mine, Camp Three Mine.

The discussion of a Request for Proposals for Roadway Striping, originally scheduled for August 14th, will be rescheduled for a date later in August, since two Commissioners will be unavailable on that day.

Commissioner Lund made a motion to extend the urban district onto Tie Chute Lane from the intersection with Old Route 93 to Florence-Carlton Loop, to post a 25-mile per hour speed limit, approximately 1500 feet. It is proximate to a school zone and potential access to a recreational area. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'. See Resolution No. 1948.

Commissioner Chilcott presented a CDBG Block Grant from GlaxoSmithKline. It will require an environmental review from Environmental Health Director Theresa Blazicevich or Planning Director Karen Hughes. The Board of County Commissioners has already committed to it. Commissioner Lund made a motion to sign the contract, # MT-CDBG-ED06-07 Ravalli County on behalf of GlaxoSmithKline. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'.

In other business the Board met again with Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Ron Nicholas in order to review evacuation procedures. It was agreed that

any evacuation order would follow the Emergency Operations Guidelines for emergencies.

The Board met with Airport Advisory Board Chairman Dave Hedditch and Wendy Beye of the Aviation Safety foundation in regard to loan monies from the Safety Foundation for pay off of the historical land study.

A historical assessment is required with no additional F.A.A. monies being available. The Aviation Safety Foundation has made the payment for the historical building and wetland mitigation. Morrison & Maierle, Inc. has already completed the mitigation for the wetland, so the only issue that needs to be completed is the mitigation plan for the impacts of two historic hangars. Wendy Beye stated the Safety Foundation is willing to loan the county (without interest) the money to pay the \$15,711.00 for the Cultural Resource Mitigation Plan. Wendy stated the F.A.A. will only reimburse the money during the next grant cycle and that time frame is unknown.

Wendy stated they will be borrowing the money from the bank and they will pay the interest, but the bank wants to know when the note will be paid back.

Commissioner Chilcott asked Dave when the next grant project through F.A.A. would be. David stated they are looking at the Super Automatic Weather Outlook, but he is not sure that loan money can be tacked on to that grant. He feels it will be on the next land purchase, which could be another 3-years from now. He suggested they put a term on the loan with an option to extend it.

Another concern discussed is during the land purchase another environmental impact study will be required which slows the process and may attract potential litigation. Discussion included having a safety portion on the end of the runways. Wendy stated there is a safety section on the south end of the runway, but not on the north end.

Commissioner Chilcott stated his concern is that the county does not end up requesting another grant and they would be duty bound to pay the \$15,711.00 back. This money is due the Montana Preservation Alliance for the research and production of a cultural resources mitigation plan for impacts at the airport.

Civil Counsel James McCubbin was now present. James stated negotiating the terms of the loan is discretionary on the part of the Commissioners, and if they proceed he would be willing to assist in drafting the document.

Wendy asked if any monies from the airport invoicing could be set aside for the payback of this loan. Discussion of the expansion of the seat base and extra revenues were discussed. Wendy stated their goal is to meet the F.A.A. safety requirements by meeting the goal and this cultural resource mitigation plan will move that forward.

Commissioner Chilcott stated he understood that the Aviation Safety Foundation was going to pay for this, he was unaware this was a loan until just recently. Wendy stated

the Safety Foundation is looking at long range plans for safety and she can foresee large fund raising efforts on the county match for the land purchase.

James stated a variable agreement could be drawn up to show when the county is reimbursed by the F.A.A., or when the land is purchased, or when another grant is applied for. James agreed they should put a cap on the term length which should satisfy the bank.

James stated if a three-year term is included in the agreement, the county must be ready to pay the monies irregardless of the 'what if's'.

Wendy will check with the bank to ascertain if they will take a five-year loan. Commissioner Chilcott suggested they start a reserve account of \$3,000 per year for this loan, if it becomes necessary.

Commissioner Chilcott stated his concern is obligating the county to something when the alternatives have not been explored due to the environmental assessment availability.

Dave stated the Airport Board is comfortable with this loan.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to execute a contract for loan monies: 5-year, no interest, start a reserve account for \$3,200 per year until the amount of \$15,711 is reached for funding of payment to MPA for service provided on the research and production of the cultural resources mitigation plan for impacts to two historic hangars at the Hamilton/Ravalli County Airport. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

In other airport business Page brought forth an addendum to the Hamilton Gun Club lease. Commissioner Lund made a motion to approve of the addendum to the lease that was recorded March 22, 1999. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

The Board reconvened with Office of Emergency Management Coordinator Ron Nicholas in order to continue their discussion of the emergency order for evacuation. This includes three stages of evacuation: alert, evacuation and return. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to sign the Proclamation Declaration Authorization Plan to the Incident Commander, Doug Turman with option A. Commissioner Lund seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

In other business, Commissioner Chilcott attended a Board of Health meeting during the afternoon hours.